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Security Council

10:00	7132nd meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in Somalia	
	Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2014/140)	
Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) (S/2014/140)	
	Somalia/Eritrea	
	Other matters	

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 7132nd meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Informal consultations (closed) on the modalities for the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society will be held *today*, 11 March 2014, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 March 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will be held on Thursday, 13 March 2014, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 March 2014, was sent to all Permanent Representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 146 (Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: Arusha construction (A/68/724 and A/68/777)); and

Agenda item 139 (Human resources management: Mobility (A/68/358, A/C.5/68/10 and A/68/601))

15:00 — 29th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [item 132]

Accountability (A/68/697 and A/68/783)

Introduction and general discussion

Civilian capacity (A/68/696, A/68/696/Corr.1 and A/68/784)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [item 134]

Special political missions: Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic (A/68/327/Add.9 and A/68/7/Add.25)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon[1] to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015: Special political missions: Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic (A/68/327/Add.9 and A/68/7/Add.25)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2014 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Rooms A and B (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Rooms A and B (CB)

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/67/766, A/68/637, A/68/652 and A/68/696–S/2014/5) [item 7]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers at www.c34.unlb.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbale will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)

1. Executive meeting
2. Support account for peacekeeping operations

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-fourth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session

10:00 to 13:00	4th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 2 (CB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(E/CN.6/2014/2, E/CN.6/2014/14, E/CN.6/2014/CRP.4, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/1, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/2, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/3, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/4, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/5, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/6, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/7,

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(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives (E/CN.6/2014/3 and E/CN.6/2014/4)

(i) Priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls (E/CN.6/2014/5)

(ii) Review theme: access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: women's access to productive resources

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters (E/CN.6/2014/6, E/CN.6/2014/7, E/CN.6/2014/8–A/HRC/26/17, E/CN.6/2014/11, E/CN.6/2014/12 and E/CN.6/2014/13)

Continuation of general discussion

15:00 to 19:30 5th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 2 (CB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

[See documents listed for the morning meeting.]

Introductory statement

Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Continuation of general discussion

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the following website: www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw58-2014. To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

The list of speakers for the general discussion *is open*. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and the title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are kindly requested to indicate the level of representation when inscribing on the list of speakers. Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the room. Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only after delivery by delegations.

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted at: www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation.

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-eighth session and can be accessed by *clicking here*.]

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts", convened by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan, will be held *today,* 11 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held *today,* 11 March 2014, from *15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).*

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 11 March 2014

African Group (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union (305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor)

African Group (Third Committee matters)

13:15 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9 (CB)

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9 (CB)

Other activities

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Tuesday, 11 March 2014

Special event "Taking stock of the International Year of Water Cooperation and advancing the global water agenda beyond Post-2015" (organized by Permanent Mission of Tajikistan)

From 09:30 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information and registration, please contact Mr. Bilol Bobojon, Permanent Mission of Tajikistan (e-mail tajikistan@un.int; tel. 1 (347) 751-9725).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Tuesday, 11 March 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

10:15	Her Excellency Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, Minister of Women's Rights and Spokesperson of the French Government
11:00	Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) (on the launch of the "Global Map of Women in Politics") [*Speakers:* Mr. Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union; and Mr. John Hendra, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)]
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please *click here*.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the Journal when they are scheduled. For

inscription on the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 12 March 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
Open-ended informal consultations

Open-ended informal consultations convened by His Excellency Zahir Tanin (Afghanistan), Chair-designate of the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, will be held on Wednesday, 12 March 2014, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). To consult the letter of the Chair-designate, please *click here*.

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing, chaired by the Chair of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, on Thursday, 13 March 2014, at 15:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB). The briefing is open to all Member States.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 359th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 14 March 2014, at 16:30, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014.

The attention of any Member State intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member State to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member State intending to submit such a plan is also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eighth session

Burundi configuration

An informal meeting of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 12 March 2014, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

Economic and Social Council

2014 session

Coordination and management meeting (23-25 April 2014)

The coordination and management meeting to be held in April 2014 and chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will take place from Wednesday, 23 to Friday, 25 April, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council's subsidiary bodies and to consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 regular session (E/2014/32 (Part I)).

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2014/2/Add.1.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 11 April 2014*. Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups for the current month wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik and Ms. Celia Syyap, at the following two email addresses (ochalik@un.org and syyap@un.org).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of the representatives and alternates to the April coordination and management meeting of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2014 session, containing the names of the participants to all segments.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements for the 2014 session of the Council

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the 2014 session of the Council.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the chamber.

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft agreed conclusions "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Christine Löw (Switzerland), will be held on Thursday, 13 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00 in Conference Room 1 (CB); Friday, 14 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB); and Tuesday, 18 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-seventh session

The forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 April 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2014/1 and E/CN.9/2014/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 2 April 2014*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 1 (CB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent from that date, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development), will be held from Monday, 7 April 2014 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2014/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-eighth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-seventh session.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Third session

The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 28 April to Friday, 9 May 2014, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The first meeting of the third session will begin on Monday, 28 April, at 10:00.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/PC.III/INF/1.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the website of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference (*click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 and A/68/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Wednesday, 12 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB); and

Friday, 14 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 12 March 2014, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

African Group (Third Committee matters)

Thursday, 13 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "Social protection floors for all: Post-2015 targets, indicators and means of implementation" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Belgium and Indonesia, and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Wednesday, 12 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please contact Mr. James Canonge, ILO Office for the United Nations (e-mail canonge@ilo.org).]

Briefing on "The findings of the ICPD Beyond 2014 Review" (organized by the United Nations Fund for Population (UNFPA))

Friday, 14 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Petal Thomas, UNFPA (e-mail pthomas@unfpa.org); or Ms. Lily Tong (e-mail tong@unfpa.org).]

Panel discussions on "Health and wellbeing – Access and equality for all" (on the occasion of World Down Syndrome Day) (co-organized by Down Syndrome International, in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Australia, Brazil, India, Poland and Japan, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Disability Alliance (IDA))

Friday, 21 March 2014, from 13:30 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Robert Venne, DESA (e-mail venne@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4540).]

Announcements

Notes verbales sent by the Office for Disarmament Affairs related to reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs wishes to draw the attention of Member States to the following notes verbales requesting inputs for the reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly:

Note verbale ODA/07-2014/CBMRSC on "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/08-2014/SSCMR on "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/11-2014/WAD on "Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/15-2014/CAC on "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/16-2014/ICBM on "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/17-2014/OIMM on "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/18-2014/AADU on "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/19-2014/TIA on "Transparency in armaments" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/20-2014/D&D on "Relationship between disarmament and development" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/21-2014/ML on "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/22-2014/IS on "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/23-3014/EN on "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/25-2014/NWFZME on "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/26-2014/WMD-T on "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/27-2014/ICJ on "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/28-2014/HLM on "Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/29-2014/MNDN on "Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations" *(Deadline: Sunday, 1 June 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/30-2014/DNPE on "United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/33-2014/NLDU on "National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

For permanent missions that have not yet received these notes verbales, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

United Nations Regional Courses in International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their deep appreciation to Australia for providing the necessary voluntary contribution to fund the Regional Course in International Law for Africa to be held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from Monday, 7 April to Friday, 2 May 2014. This generous contribution has made possible this session of the Regional Course.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are also seeking voluntary contributions for the Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean for 2015. The Codification Division would need to receive notification of such voluntary contributions *by Friday, 1 August 2014*, to proceed with plans for such courses in 2015.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division wish to express their appreciation to the one Member State that has made a voluntary contribution in 2014 to support the Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific for 2015, namely, Saudi Arabia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

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The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their appreciation to the ten Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2013, namely, Austria, China, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2014 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*

International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a Trust Fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to the Trust Fund.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the trust fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014, and extraordinary election to replace one Member of the Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Fifteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 (*click here* for general information); and

Eighteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2014): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities only should be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room S-2906)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

Online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent Missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For enquiries, please send an e-mail to csw.sideevents@unwomen.org.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, in room DC2-1142 (or otherwise indicated), for the month of *March:*

Library Information Sessions for delegates of the fifty-eight session of the Commission on the Status of Women (room L-105 (Library Building))

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All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing Library Training Calendar (www.un.libcal.com).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 10 March 2014

Security Council

[archived video]

7130th meeting

The situation in Libya

Note by the President of the Security Council (S/2014/106)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (S/2014/131)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Libya to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Tarek Mitri, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Tarek Mitri and His Excellency Eugene-Richard Gasana, Permanent Representative of Rwanda, in his capacity as Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1970 (2011).

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Libya.

7131st meeting (closed)

Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/136)

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 7131st meeting, held in private on 10 March 2014, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/136)'.

"The President invited the representative of Ukraine to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The President invited Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The Security Council heard a briefing by Mr. Feltman.

"The Security Council heard a statement by the representative of Ukraine.

"Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Lithuania, France, the Republic of Korea, Australia, Jordan, China, Chile, Argentina, Chad, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Nigeria and Luxembourg."

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session

[archived video]

2nd meeting

The Vice-Chair (Georgia) of the Commission opened the session.

Election of officers [item 1]

Election of the Chair

The Commission elected His Excellency Libran Cabactulan (Philippines) as Chair of the fifty-eighth session.

The Chair made a statement.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed the Commission.

Election of other officers

The Chair reminded the Commission that the following bureau members were elected in the first meeting as Vice-Chairs: Ms. Neli Shiolashvili (Georgia), for the fifty-eighth session; and Ms. Christine Loew (Switzerland), for the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions.

The Commission elected Mr. Mohamed Elbahi (Sudan) and His Excellency Carlos García González (El Salvador) as Vice-Chairs for the two-year term. Mr. Elbahi also serves as Rapporteur of the Commission for the two-year term.

Appointment of the remaining members of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women

The Chair reminded the Commission that, in its first meeting, it had appointed Ms. Bernadette S. Ntaba Kadyamusuma (Zimbabwe) as member of the Working Group on Communications for the fifty-eighth session (2014) of the Commission. The Commission also appointed Ms. Galina Khvan (Russian Federation) and Ms. Noa Furman (Israel) as members of the Working Group on Communications for its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions (2014 and 2015, respectively).

The Commission appointed Mr. Bruno Santos de Oliveira (Brazil) and Mr. Mustafizur Rahman (Bangladesh) as members of the Working Group on Communications for its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions (2014 and 2015, respectively).

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Commission adopted its provisional agenda (E/CN.6/2014/1), and approved its organization of work (E/CN.6/2014/1/Add.1), on the understanding that further adjustments would be made, if necessary, during the course of the session.

The Commission agreed that the Chair's summary of the high-level round table and the Moderators' summaries of the panel discussions would be reflected in the report on the session.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission began its consideration of agenda item 3 as a whole.

The Commission heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for the Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Executive Director of UN-Women; and the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

General discussion

The Commission began its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Council of Ministers for Women in Central America (COMMCA)), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Gambia.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Guinea-Bissau (on behalf of the Group of African States), Greece (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia), Costa Rica (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)), Guinea (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) and Poland.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

3rd meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

Parallel high-level round tables

Round table A

The Chair of the Commission made an opening statement.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of Italy, Australia, Finland, the Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Azerbaijan, the United States, Uganda, Portugal, Mozambique, Switzerland, Gambia, Brazil, Mongolia, Argentina, Norway, Indonesia, Paraguay, Nigeria, the Philippines, Panama, the Solomon Islands, Cuba and El Salvador, participated.

The observer for the European Union made a statement.

The Chair of the Working Group on Discrimination Against Women, Ms. Frances Raday; and the Deputy Executive Director of UN-Women, Ms. Lakshmi Puri, responded to questions raised and summarized the discussion.

The Chair made concluding remarks.

Round table B

The Vice-Chair of the Commission (El Salvador) made an opening statement.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of Turkey, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Peru, Eritrea, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Egypt, Greece, Nicaragua, Mexico, Tunisia, Morocco, Burkina Faso, Pakistan, Samoa, Spain, Denmark, China, the Sudan, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Sweden, participated.

The Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the post-2015 agenda, Ms. Amina Mohammed; and Professor Gita Sen from Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), responded to questions raised, and summarized the discussion.

The Vice-Chair (El Salvador) made concluding remarks.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2014* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea Bissau
His Excellency João Soares Da Gama

Asia-Pacific States:
Tonga
His Excellency Mahe'uli'uli Sandhurst Tupouniua

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
His Excellency Stephan Tafrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
His Excellency Octavio Errázuriz

Western European and other States:
New Zealand
His Excellency Jim McLay

Security Council

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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A/68/L.38*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
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S/2014/10/Add.9	Summary statement by the Secretary-General of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
S/2014/106	Note by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *97 pages*
A/ES-10/618–S/2014/135	Identical letters dated 27 February 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
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S/RES/2143 (2014)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 7129th meeting, on 7 March 2014 [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

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	Commission for Social Development **Fifty-second session**
E/CN.5/2014/9	Item 3 (c) — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: emerging issues: the social drivers of sustainable development — Note verbale dated 20 January 2014 from the Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

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Official meetings

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Security Council

10:00 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Sudan/South Sudan

United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) (S/2014/126)

Other matters

15:00 — 7133rd meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

   United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will be held on Thursday, 13 March 2014, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 March 2014, was sent to all Permanent Representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on Friday, 14 March 2014, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon and the Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States for Syria, Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 11 March 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Civilian capacity (A/68/696, A/68/696/Corr.1, A/68/784, A/67/312 and A/67/583))	

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2014 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Rooms A and B (CB)
15:00 to 16:30	Closed meeting	Conference Rooms A and B (CB)
16:30 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)
	Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/67/766, A/68/637, A/68/652 and A/68/696–S/2014/5) [item 7]	

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers at www.c34.unlb.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbale will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (CB)

1. Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system
2. Executive meeting

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-fourth session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6 (NLB)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session

10:00 to 13:00 6th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 2 (CB)

1. Address by the President of the Economic and Social Council
2. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(E/CN.6/2014/2, E/CN.6/2014/14, E/CN.6/2014/CRP.4, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/1, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/2, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/3, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/4, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/5, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/6, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/7, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/8, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/9, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/10, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/11, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/12, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/13, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/14, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/15, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/16, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/17, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/18, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/19, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/20, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/21, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/22, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/23, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/24, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/25, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/26, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/27, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/28, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/29, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/30, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/31, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/32, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/33, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/34, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/35, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/36, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/37, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/38, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/39, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/40,

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(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives (E/CN.6/2014/3 and E/CN.6/2014/4)

(i) Priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

Panel 1 on the priority theme

15:00 to 18:00 7th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 2 (CB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

[See documents listed for the morning meeting.]

Panel 2 on the priority theme with a focus on "Accountability and participation of women and girls in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals"

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the following website: www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw58-2014. To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

The list of speakers for the general discussion *is open*. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and the title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are kindly requested to indicate the level of representation when inscribing on the list of speakers. Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the room. Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only after delivery by delegations.

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted at: www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation.

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-eighth session and can be accessed by *clicking here*.]

General Assembly

Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
Open-ended informal consultations

Open-ended informal consultations convened by His Excellency Zahir Tanin (Afghanistan), Chair-designate of the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, will be held *today*, 12 March 2014, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). To consult the letter of the Chair-designate, please *click here*.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eighth session

Burundi configuration

An informal meeting of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 12 March 2014, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held *today*, 12 March 2014, at 18:15, in Conference Room C (CB).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251, A/68/251/Add.1 and A/68/252.
The meetings under this header are closed.

Wednesday, 12 March 2014

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/68/L.38*, entitled "Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries" (under agenda item 22 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room S-1522FC.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 12 March 2014

African Group (on Third Committee matters) (at the expert level)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8 (NLB)

Group of Least Developed Countries (on sustainable development goals) (Second Committee experts)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9 (CB)

Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

15:00 to 17:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Other activities

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Wednesday, 12 March 2014

Panel discussion on "The changing role of the United Nations in middle-income countries" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Albania)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Admira Jorgji, Permanent Mission of Albania (e-mail admira.jorgji@albania-un.org; tel. 1 (212) 249-2059).]

Briefing on "Social protection floors for all: Post-2015 targets, indicators and means of implementation" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Belgium and Indonesia, and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please contact Mr. James Canonge, ILO Office for the United Nations (e-mail canonge@ilo.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Wednesday, 12 March 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:00 Press conference on "Indigenous women in the Post-2015 Development Agenda" [*Speakers:* Ms. Lucy Mulenkei, Executive Director, Indigenous Information Network (Kenya); Ms. Otilia Lux de Cotí, Executive Director, International Indigenous Women's Forum (Guatemala); and Ms. Miriam Labanue (Papua New Guinea)]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please *click here.*

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the Journal when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 13 March 2014, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing, chaired by the Chair of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, on Thursday, 13 March 2014, at 15:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB). The briefing is open to all Member States.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 359th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 14 March 2014, at 10:30, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

An informal preparatory meeting for the fifteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held on Friday, 21 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the fifteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the fifteenth meeting.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus of the meeting "The role of seafood in global food security", will be posted on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as it is available.

Disarmament Commission
2014 substantive session

The 2014 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 25 April 2014. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014.

The attention of any Member State intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member State to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member State intending to submit such a plan is also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council
2014 session

The President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria), will convene a plenary meeting of the Council on Friday, 14 March 2014, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to consider and take action on the draft decision on the theme for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development for 2014, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (E/2014/L.4)[1].

Coordination and management meeting (23-25 April 2014)

The coordination and management meeting to be held in April 2014 and chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will take place from Wednesday, 23 to Friday, 25 April, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council's subsidiary bodies and to consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 regular session (E/2014/32 (Part I)).

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[1] To be issued.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2014/2/Add.1.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 11 April 2014*. Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups for the current month wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik and Ms. Celia Syyap, at the following two email addresses (ochalik@un.org and syyap@un.org).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of the representatives and alternates to the April coordination and management meeting of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2014 session, containing the names of the participants to all segments.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements for the 2014 session of the Council

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the 2014 session of the Council.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the chamber.

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft agreed conclusions "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Christine Löw (Switzerland), will be held on Thursday, 13 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB); and Friday, 14 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts", convened by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan, will be held on Friday, 14 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gende' equality and the empowerment of women in natural disasters", convened by the Permanent Mission of Japan, will take place on Monday, 17 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Permanent Mission of Japan (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 230).

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-seventh session

The forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 April 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2014/1 and E/CN.9/2014/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 2 April 2014*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 1 (CB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent from that date, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development), will be held from Monday, 7 April 2014 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2014/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-eighth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-seventh session.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Third session

The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 28 April to Friday, 9 May 2014, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The first meeting of the third session will begin on Monday, 28 April, at 10:00.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/PC.III/INF/1.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the website of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference (*click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251, A/68/251/Add.1 and A/68/252.
The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Friday, 14 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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The meetings under this header are closed.

African Group (on Third Committee matters) (at the expert level)

Thursday, 13 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 17 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "The findings of the ICPD Beyond 2014 Review" (organized by the United Nations Fund for Population (UNFPA))

Friday, 14 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Petal Thomas, UNFPA (e-mail pthomas@unfpa.org); or Ms. Lily Tong (e-mail tong@unfpa.org).]

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "The African Women's Decade: A Path to Inclusive Sustainable Development" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Monday, 17 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please *click here.*]

Panel discussions on "Health and wellbeing – Access and equality for all" (on the occasion of World Down Syndrome Day) (co-organized by Down Syndrome International, in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Australia, Brazil, India, Poland and Japan, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Disability Alliance (IDA))

Friday, 21 March 2014, from 13:30 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Robert Venne, DESA (e-mail venne@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4540).]

Announcements

Notes verbales sent by the Office for Disarmament Affairs related to reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs wishes to draw the attention of Member States to the following notes verbales requesting inputs for the reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly:

Note verbale ODA/07-2014/CBMRSC on "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/08-2014/SSCMR on "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/11-2014/WAD on "Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/15-2014/CAC on "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/16-2014/ICBM on "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/17-2014/OIMM on "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/18-2014/AADU on "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/19-2014/TIA on "Transparency in armaments" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/20-2014/D&D on "Relationship between disarmament and development" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/21-2014/ML on "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/22-2014/IS on "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/23-3014/EN on "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/25-2014/NWFZME on "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/26-2014/WMD-T on "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/27-2014/ICJ on "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/28-2014/HLM on "Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/29-2014/MNDN on "Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations" *(Deadline: Sunday, 1 June 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/30-2014/DNPE on "United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/33-2014/NLDU on "National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

For permanent missions that have not yet received these notes verbales, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

United Nations Regional Courses in International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their deep appreciation to Australia for providing the necessary voluntary contribution to fund the Regional Course in International Law for Africa to be held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from Monday, 7 April to Friday, 2 May 2014. This generous contribution has made possible this session of the Regional Course.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are also seeking voluntary contributions for the Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean for 2015. The Codification Division would need to receive notification of such voluntary contributions *by Friday, 1 August 2014,* to proceed with plans for such courses in 2015.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division wish to express their appreciation to the one Member State that has made a voluntary contribution in 2014 to support the Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific for 2015, namely, Saudi Arabia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by more than one million people in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their appreciation to the ten Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2013, namely, Austria, China, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2014 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*

International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a Trust Fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to the Trust Fund.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the trust fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014, and extraordinary election to replace one Member of the Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Fifteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 (*click here* for general information); and

Eighteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2014): election to replace

twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities only should be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room S-2906)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

Online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent Missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For enquiries, please send an e-mail to csw.sideevents@unwomen.org.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, in room DC2-1142 (or otherwise indicated), for the month of *March:*

Library Information Sessions for delegates of the fifty-eight session of the Commission on the Status of Women (room L-105 (Library Building))

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All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing Library Training Calendar (www.un.libcal.com).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 11 March 2014

Security Council

[archived video]

7132nd meeting

The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2014/140)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Somalia to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Nicholas Kay, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Nicholas Kay, via video-teleconference from Mogadishu.

The Security Council heard a statement by the representative of Somalia.

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

[archived video]

29th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [item 132]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Accountability

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the third progress report of the Secretary-General on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat (A/68/697).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/68/783).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein) and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Vice-Chair (Togo) informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be coordinated by Mr. Omar Castañeda (Guatemala).

Civilian Capacity

The Special Adviser and Assistant Secretary-General, Civilian Capacities Initiative introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on Civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict (A/68/696 and A/68/686/Corr.1).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/68/784).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Turkey, Montenegro, Iceland and Serbia; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, which aligned themselves with the statement), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein and Norway), the United States and Pakistan.

The Special Adviser and Assistant Secretary-General for Civilian Capacities made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Vice-Chair (Togo) informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be coordinated by Mr. Sazali Mustafa Kamal (Malaysia).

Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [item 134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Special political missions: Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (requirements for the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic) (A/68/327/Add.9).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/68/7/Add.25).

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda (on behalf of the African Group) and Mexico.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Vice-Chair (Togo) informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held on that day, Tuesday, 11 March, following the adjournment of the formal meeting and would be coordinated by Mr. Bjørn Klouman Bekken (Norway).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session

[archived video]

4th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland, Spain, the Republic of Korea, Uganda, the Dominican Republic, the Netherlands, Japan, Jamaica, Lesotho and the United States.

Statements were also made by the observers for Kiribati (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Morocco, France, Nigeria, Mexico, Ghana, Mali, the Bahamas, Samoa, Zambia, New Zealand, South Africa, Azerbaijan, Iceland, Luxembourg, Egypt, Afghanistan and Slovenia.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Georgia) made a statement.

5th meeting

The summary of the 5th meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women will appear in the next issue of the Journal (No. 2014/49).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Andorra (11 March 2014)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Andorra (11 March 2014)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2014* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea Bissau
His Excellency João Soares Da Gama

Asia-Pacific States:
Tonga
His Excellency Mahe'uli'uli Sandhurst Tupouniua

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
His Excellency Stephan Tafrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
His Excellency Octavio Errázuriz

Western European and other States:
New Zealand
His Excellency Jim McLay

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

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possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal of the United Nations*, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps. These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

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General Assembly	Documents
	Sixty-eighth session
A/68/7/Add.25	Item 134 — Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic — Twenty-sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
A/68/727	Item 147 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *45 pages*
A/68/775	Items 14 and 19 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields —Sustainable development — Letter dated 24 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
A/68/784	Items 53, 124 and 132 — Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects — Strengthening of the United Nations system — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S] — *11 pages*
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A/AC.198/2014/4	Activities of the Department of Public Information: outreach and knowledge services — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *21 pages*

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2014 session

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Official meetings

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Security Council

10:00 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Syria)

Other matters

15:00 — 7134th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/136)

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will be held *today*, 13 March 2014, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 March 2014, was sent to all Permanent Representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

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General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on Friday, 14 March 2014, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon and the Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States for Syria, Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 11 March 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability (A/68/697 and A/68/783))	
15:00 to 17:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 139 (Human resources management: Mobility (A/68/358, A/C.5/68/10 and A/68/601))	
17:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement (A/67/683, A/67/683/Corr.1, A/67/683/Corr.2, A/67/683/Add.1, A/67/683/Add.2, A/64/284, A/64/284/Add.1, A/64/284/Add.2, A/67/801, A/64/501, A/64/369, A/65/63, A/65/63/Add.1, A/65/346 and A/65/346/Add.1))	

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2014 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Rooms A and B (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Rooms A and B (CB)
	Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/67/766, A/68/637, A/68/652 and A/68/696–S/2014/5) [item 7]	

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers at www.c34.unlb.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbale will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)
	Executive meeting	

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-fourth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session

10:00 to 13:00	8th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 2 (CB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(E/CN.6/2014/2, E/CN.6/2014/14, E/CN.6/2014/CRP.4, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/1, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/2, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/3, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/4, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/5, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/6, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/7, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/8, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/9, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/10, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/11, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/12, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/13, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/14, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/15, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/16, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/17, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/18, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/19, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/20, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/21, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/22, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/23, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/24, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/25, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/26, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/27, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/28, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/29, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/30, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/31, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/32, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/33, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/34, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/35, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/36, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/37, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/38, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/39, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/40, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/41, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/42, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/43, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/44, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/45, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/46, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/47, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/48, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/49, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/50, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/51, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/52, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/53, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/54, E/CN.6/2014/NGO/55,

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(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives (E/CN.6/2014/3 and E/CN.6/2014/4)

(i) Priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

(ii) Review theme: access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: women's access to productive resources

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters (E/CN.6/2014/6, E/CN.6/2014/7, E/CN.6/2014/8–A/HRC/26/17, E/CN.6/2014/11, E/CN.6/2014/12 and E/CN.6/2014/13)

Continuation of general discussion

15:00 to 18:00 — 9th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2 (CB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: women's access to productive resources

[See documents listed for the morning meeting.]

Panel 3: Women's access to productive resources

Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 1 (CB)

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 1 (CB)

Informal consultations convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Christine Löw (Switzerland), on the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission under agenda item 3 (a) (i) (Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls)

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the following website: www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw58-2014. To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

The list of speakers for the general discussion *is open*. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and the title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are kindly requested to indicate the level of representation when inscribing on the list of speakers. Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the room. Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only after delivery by delegations.

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted at: www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation.

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-eighth session and can be accessed by *clicking here*.]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing, chaired by the Chair of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, *today*, 13 March 2014, at 15:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB). The briefing is open to all Member States.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 13 March 2014

African Group (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

African Group (on Third Committee matters) (at the expert level)

13:15 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9 (CB)
16:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 13 March 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Secretary-General's Conference Room (S-3800) [webcast]

16:00 His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General (on the Central African Republic) (in French only)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please *click here*.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the Journal when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 14 March 2014, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 359th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 14 March 2014, at *11:00*, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

Informal preparatory meeting

An informal preparatory meeting for the fifteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held on Friday, 21 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the fifteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the fifteenth meeting.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus of the meeting "The role of seafood in global food security", will be posted on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as it is available.

Disarmament Commission

2014 substantive session

The 2014 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 25 April 2014. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014.

The attention of any Member State intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member State to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member State intending to submit such a plan is also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council
2014 session

The President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria), will convene a plenary meeting of the Council on Friday, 14 March 2014, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to consider and take action on the draft decision on the theme for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development for 2014, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (E/2014/L.4)[1].

Coordination and management meeting (23-25 April 2014)

The coordination and management meeting to be held in April 2014 and chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will take place from Wednesday, 23 to Friday, 25 April, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council's subsidiary bodies and to consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 regular session (E/2014/32 (Part I)).

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2014/2/Add.1.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 11 April 2014*. Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups for the current month wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik and Ms. Celia Syyap, at the following two email addresses (ochalik@un.org and syyap@un.org).

[1] To be issued.

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of the representatives and alternates to the April coordination and management meeting of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2014 session, containing the names of the participants to all segments.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements for the 2014 session of the Council

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the 2014 session of the Council.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Forests

A special event on the occasion of the International Day of Forests will be held on Friday, 21 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The theme of the event is "Celebrating Forests for Sustainable Development".

The event will be comprised of an opening session and a panel discussion on "Women as agents of change for forests and sustainable development". The event will conclude with a general discussion. The programme of the event is available on the event webpage.

The list of speakers for the general discussion is now open. For inscription to this list, interested Member States should send their requests, *in writing*, indicating the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Terri Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00 on Wednesday, 19 March 2014*.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen (e-mail sen@un.org, with copy to forest@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5069); or visit the website of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft agreed conclusions "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Christine Löw (Switzerland), will be held on Friday, 14 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB); on Monday, 17 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB); on Tuesday, 18 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB); and on Wednesday, 19 March 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts", convened by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan, will be held on Friday, 14 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and the empowerment of women in natural disasters", convened by the Permanent Mission of Japan, will take place on Monday, 17 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Permanent Mission of Japan (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 230).

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Chair of the Commission on Population and Development, His Excellency Gonzalo Koncke (Uruguay), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-seventh session of the Commission, on Thursday, 20 March 2014, from 15:00 to 17:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-seventh session

The forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 April 2014. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 7 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2014/1 and E/CN.9/2014/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 2 April 2014*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 1 (CB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent from that date, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development), will be held from Monday, 7 April 2014 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2014/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-eighth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-seventh session.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Third session

The third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 28 April to Friday, 9 May 2014, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The first meeting of the third session will begin on Monday, 28 April, at 10:00.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/PC.III/INF/1.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the website of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference (*click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251, A/68/251/Add.1 and A/68/252.
The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Friday, 14 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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The meetings under this header are closed.

African Group (on Third Committee matters) (at the expert level)

Friday, 14 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8 (NLB);

Tuesday, 18 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9 (CB); and

Thursday, 20 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 17 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 18 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "The findings of the ICPD Beyond 2014 Review" (organized by the United Nations Fund for Population (UNFPA))

Friday, 14 March 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Petal Thomas, UNFPA (e-mail pthomas@unfpa.org); or Ms. Lily Tong (e-mail tong@unfpa.org).]

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "The African Women's Decade: A Path to Inclusive Sustainable Development" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Monday, 17 March 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please *click here*.]

Panel discussions on "Health and wellbeing – Access and equality for all" (on the occasion of World Down Syndrome Day) (co-organized by Down Syndrome International, in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Australia, Brazil, India, Poland and Japan, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Disability Alliance (IDA))

Friday, 21 March 2014, from 13:30 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Robert Venne, DESA (e-mail venne@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4540).]

Announcements

Notes verbales sent by the Office for Disarmament Affairs related to reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs wishes to draw the attention of Member States to the following notes verbales requesting inputs for the reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly:

Note verbale ODA/07-2014/CBMRSC on "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/08-2014/SSCMR on "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/11-2014/WAD on "Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/15-2014/CAC on "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/16-2014/ICBM on "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/17-2014/OIMM on "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/18-2014/AADU on "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/19-2014/TIA on "Transparency in armaments" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/20-2014/D&D on "Relationship between disarmament and development" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/21-2014/ML on "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/22-2014/IS on "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/23-3014/EN on "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/25-2014/NWFZME on "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/26-2014/WMD-T on "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/27-2014/ICJ on "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/28-2014/HLM on "Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/29-2014/MNDN on "Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations" *(Deadline: Sunday, 1 June 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/30-2014/DNPE on "United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation" *(Deadline: Friday, 30 May 2014)*

Note verbale ODA/33-2014/NLDU on "National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology" *(Deadline: Wednesday, 30 April 2014)*

For permanent missions that have not yet received these notes verbales, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

United Nations Regional Courses in International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their deep appreciation to Australia for providing the necessary voluntary contribution to fund the Regional Course in International Law for Africa to be held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from Monday, 7 April to Friday, 2 May 2014. This generous contribution has made possible this session of the Regional Course.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are also seeking voluntary contributions for the Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean for 2015. The Codification Division would need to receive notification of such voluntary contributions *by Friday, 1 August 2014*, to proceed with plans for such courses in 2015.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division wish to express their appreciation to the one Member State that has made a voluntary contribution in 2014 to support the Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific for 2015, namely, Saudi Arabia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by more than one million people in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their appreciation to the ten Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2013, namely, Austria, China, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2014 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*

International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a Trust Fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to the Trust Fund.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the trust fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014, and extraordinary election to replace one Member of the Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Fifteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 (*click here* for general information); and

Eighteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2014): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities only should be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room S-2906)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

Online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent Missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For enquiries, please send an e-mail to csw.sideevents@unwomen.org.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, in room DC2-1142 (or otherwise indicated), for the month of *March:*

Library Information Sessions for delegates of the fifty-eight session of the Commission on the Status of Women (room L-105 (Library Building))

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Using United Nations Multimedia Resources

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing Library Training Calendar (www.un.libcal.com).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 11 March 2014

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session

[archived video]

5th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission continued its consideration of the agenda item and heard statements by the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and the Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women.

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Niger, Indonesia, Thailand, Georgia, Argentina, the Philippines and Cuba.

Statements were also made by the observers for Mozambique, the United Kingdom, Ethiopia, Benin, Nicaragua, Canada, Senegal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Australia, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Sweden, Haiti, Cameroon, Kuwait, Denmark, Eritrea, Togo, Sierra Leone, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Norway, Turkey, Costa Rica, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Tunisia, Italy, Seychelles, the United Arab Emirates, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Peru and Cambodia.

The observer for the State of Palestine also made a statement.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Chair (Philippines).

Wednesday, 12 March 2014

Security Council

7133rd (closed) meeting

Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police- contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 12 March 2014, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 7133rd meeting in private with the troop- and police-contributing countries to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"The President invited Mr. Martin Kobler, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The Security Council and the troop- and police-contributing countries heard a briefing by Mr. Kobler.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Kobler and representatives of participating contributing countries had an exchange of views."

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-eighth session

[archived video]

6th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Chair (Philippines) opened the meeting.

The President of the Economic and Social Council (Austria) addressed the Commission.

a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

Panel discussion

The Commission held a panel discussion on the "Priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls", moderated by the Vice-Chair (Switzerland).

Presentations were made by Mr. Chrispine Gwalawala Sibande, Senior Policy Advisor, Ipas, Malawi; Ms. Ursula Schäfer-Preuss, Chair, Global Water Partnership, Stockholm; Ms. Radhika Balakrishnan, Executive Director, Center for Women's Global Leadership, and Professor, Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers University, New Jersey; Ms. Virginia Gomes, Senior Social Policy Advisor, Ministry of Solidarity, Employment and Social Security, Portugal; and Ms. Isabel Ortiz, Director, Social Protection Department, International Labour Organization.

The Commission then engaged in an interactive dialogue with the panellists, in which the representatives of China, the Philippines, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Finland, Switzerland, the Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, the Gambia and Ecuador, participated.

The observers for Canada, Nigeria, South Africa, the Czech Republic, Panama, the Maldives, Mexico and Egypt also participated.

The observer for the European Union also intervened.

The representatives of the following non-government organizations also participated in the dialogue: International Rescue Committee; and the International Trade Union Confederation.

The Vice-Chair (Switzerland) made concluding remarks.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chair (Switzerland).

7th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

The Vice-Chair (Georgia) opened the meeting.

The Commission held a panel discussion on the "Priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls", with a focus on "Accountability and participation of women and girls in the implementation of the MDGs".

Presentations were made by Her Excellency Lourdes Bandeira, Vice-Minister, Secretariat of Women Policies of the Presidency of Brazil; His Excellency Urmas Paet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Estonia; Ms. Carolyn Sobritchea, Professorial Lecturer, Asian Center of the University of the Philippines; Ms. Salina Sanou, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development; and Ms. Maarit Kohonen Sheriff, Deputy Director, New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Commission then engaged in an interactive dialogue with the panellists in which the representatives of China, Germany, Indonesia, Switzerland, Niger, Uganda, Cuba, El Salvador, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic and Finland, participated.

The observers for South Africa, Samoa, Angola, Turkey, the Czech Republic, Timor-Leste, Nigeria and Somalia, also participated.

The observer for the European Union also intervened.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations also participated in the dialogue: National Alliance of Women's Organization; the United Cities and Local Governments; and the Human Rights Advocate.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chair (Georgia).

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2014* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Guinea Bissau
His Excellency João Soares Da Gama

Asia-Pacific States:
Tonga
His Excellency Mahe'uli'uli Sandhurst Tupouniua

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
His Excellency Stephan Tafrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
His Excellency Octavio Errázuriz

Western European and other States:
New Zealand
His Excellency Jim McLay

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

The *Journal of the United Nations* is issued daily in English and in French. During the main part of the General Assembly session (September to December), it is also issued in Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Spanish.

Kindly take note that the English and French versions of the *Journal* are accessible to blind and visually impaired users via screen readers.

Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at delegateinfo.un.int. The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

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A simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically is available through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's e-subscription service at www.undocs.org. Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device.

Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the e-subscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal of the United Nations*, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps. These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

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